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J. Michael Bowen, P.E. Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 6111 SW 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Topeka, Kansas 66614-4271

Dear Mr. Bowen:

The Kansas Department of Transportation is the lead state for the pooled fund study TPF-5(278) "Real-Time Quality Control Monitoring and Characterization of Aggregate Materials in Highway Construction using Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscopy". The Kansas Department of Transportation accepts the role of lead agency and agrees to receive, obligate, expend, and manage contributions from participating agencies.

The participating agencies are requested to submit a copy of this letter with their funding transfer request form for this project to their respective FHWA Division Office for concurrence.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Susan Barker, P.E., Technology Transfer Engineer, at 785-291-3847 or <a href="mailto:susanb@ksdot.org">susanb@ksdot.org</a>.

Sincerely,

Jerome T. Younger, P.E.

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